

The following men were selected as constables when the county was lay-off in districts # 2 James Cooper, Little Levels James Elliot. #2 James Higgins, # 3 Elijah Hudson and William Moore Jr. Elk district these men were appointed May 18, 1830. At the June term of court 1830 the Sheriff was authorized to buy a bell for the court house but not to cost over 15.00. John Floyd was Governor of Virginia at that time. The court of 31 consisted of George Burner, John Gillan, Joseph Moore, John Bradshaw and Jacob Mathews, with Benjamin Tallman as Sheriff and Paul McNeel as his deputy, at this time the Sheriff had been raised to 80.00. In selecting a Sheriff for the next term a ballot was taken and when the ballots were counted it was found that the two men nominated by the court had tied, each getting 8 votes, the two contestants were John Burner and Jacob W Mathews, after sometime the Governor of Va. commissioned George Burner as Sheriff until ~~1831~~ 1833 his deputies were Paul McNeel of the Levels, Matthew Wdmiston and James K Elliot with James Brindley Jailer. At this time John McElwee was commissioned as Coroner for the county.

Henry M Moffett served as clerk of the court for a long period of years, he also examined the land and property books for the Commonwealth for this extra service he received 20.00 a year in addition to his salary as clerk.

Among the many things that fell on the court was the passing on the eligibility of the many old soldiers that saw service from 1774-80 these benefits were to come from the state of Va. for their services in the regular

army and some who had served as <sup>an</sup> Indian spy, these men having attained the age to receive this money, each man had to prove his service record and have his discharge. George Burner was again commissioned as Sheriff of the county with Mathew Edmiston as his deputy. Jacob Mathews succeeded him as high sheriff of the county these men were all serving one year, and again in 1835 he was chosen Sheriff for another term. In 1836 a bounty was put on Red Foxes of 1.00 each this raised the levy somewhat but as this section was beginning to produce several sheep it was deemed necessary to take such steps to safeguard the property of the farmers.

In 1837 the 7th of March the following men sat as a Grand Jury for and in Pocahontas County, Thomas Gammon (foreman) Nathaniel Kinnison, William Duffield, Abraham Jordin, Hugh McLaughlin, John R Flening, James Moore, Frederick Boher, Samuel D. McCutcheon, Woods Poage, George Edmiston, Henry Duncan, William Moore, John Rucker, Reuben Buzzard, James May, William Sharp, Isaac Moore, Wm Cleek, Daniel Alderman, and Robert McCutcheon these men were sworn to consider presentments, and after sometime presented an indictment against Boon Tallman for failing to take in the taxable property as Commissioner of Revenue this case was kept in court for a time but finally was dismissed. Many cases were carried from one term of court to another, more so than today and they often were continued from court to court and finally dropped, at this time

David Campbell was Governor of Virginia at this time. John Gilland became Sheriff of the county, any man summoned as a juror who failed to appear to perform his duty ~~was~~ without a good and just cause was fined by the court. The Sheriff always summoned the Justices of the county to perform their duties, to act on all legal matters, lay the levy, try a person that had been indicted, select constables, the court from time to time fixed the price to be paid at Ordinaries and houses of private entertainment. It was at a called meeting of the court of April 1. 1839 that was called to consider the case of Joseph Lewis (a man of colour) that he being a free man is asking to be allowed to remain within the county under an act of General Assembly of the Commonwealth.

At this special setting the following men were appointed as surveyors of the following roads of Pocahontas County, John Duffield the road to Elk, George Gay the road from Moses Hughes to Col. John Hills, Samuel Gay from Gays to Huntersville, John McNeel from Moore McNeills to Marlins Bottom, John McElwee from Huntersville to the  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mile tree above Wm. Bradshaws, George Rider from the forks of Knapps Creek to the Bath County line, James Wooddell from Thomas Galfords to Wm. Arbogasts, Little John McNeill from Stephen-hole Run to Moore McNeills, Andrew Mathews from Robert McCutchens to Wm. Arbogasts, Joseph Moore from turnpike road at A.W Riders to the

Greenbrier County line, Henrt Grimes from bridge near Chas, Grimes to Leonard Herrings on Knapps Creek, John Waugh from head of Browns Creek to Chas Grimes, Levi Cackley from 26 mile tree on Beaverlick Creek to Huntersville, John Gilland from Thomas Bradshaws to top of mountain on Williams River, Abraham Hill from Amos Kinnisons toward Nicholas County, Jacob Lightner from Henry Herolds to Leonard Herrings lane, John Jordin from 2nd. ford on Beaverlick Creek to 26 mile tree, James Woods to top of Valley Mountain at Randolph County line, to Cloverlick, Solomon Buzzard from Thomas Galfords to Fanny Arbogasts, John B. Tidd from top of Rich Mountain to Greenbrier County line, Jacob Mathews from Robert McCutcheons to the 1 1/2 mile tree above Wm. Bradshaws this covered about all the roads of mention of the county at that time.

The court ordered that William C. Price, John Hill, David S. Ruckman & Wm. Edmiston be appointed commissioners to superintend the election of Representatives to the General Assembly and to Congress this to be held at William C Prices in May. After the formation of the county the business of the court continued to increase as the county seat was in the midst of the inhabitants, this being one of the reasons for the formation of the County of Pocahontas, was a centralized local government.

Information - County Court Order Books # 1, 2 & 3. Marlinton. W. Va.